

Postal Rate Commission

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§ 3002.7 Office of the Consumer Advocate.

(a) The Office of the Consumer Advocate provides representation for the interests of the general public in Commission proceedings. The office prepares and litigates before the Commission legal and evidentiary presentations in all formal Commission dockets under chapter 36 of title 39, U.S. Code. It also is responsible for maintaining a continuing litigation capability including preparation for consideration of issues likely to reflect the interests of the general public in subsequent proceedings.

(b) The head of this office is responsible for directing both legal and technical personnel to fulfill its functions. The office includes both litigation attorneys and a broad spectrum of technical expertise to analyze and evaluate the diverse economic, cost and market issues before the Commission. During the pendency of a proceeding, personnel serving in the Office of the Consumer Advocate are prohibited from participating or advising as to any intermediate or Commission decision in that proceeding pursuant to the Commission Rules of Practice.

(c) A policy statement regarding the Office of the Consumer Advocate is contained as appendix A to this part.

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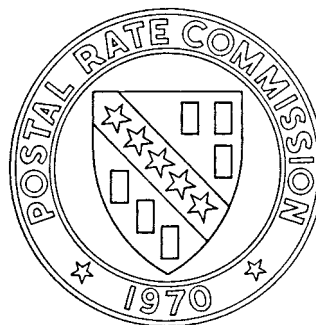
§ 3002.8 Official seal.

(a) *Authority.* The Seal described in this section is hereby established as the official seal of the Postal Rate Commission.

(b) *Description.* (1) On a white disc within a blue border with inner and outer rims gold and inscribed at top POSTAL RATE COMMISSION and in base, between two small five-pointed stars, 1970, all in gold, the shield of the coat of arms in full color blazoned as follows:

Five blue stars on a white stripe running from the upper left to the lower right of the shield, with three white billets on each of the upper and lower sections of the shield, the former blue and the latter red.

(2) The official seal of the Postal Rate Commission is modified when reproduced in black and white and when embossed, as it appears in this section.



(c) *Custody and authorization to affix.*

(1) The seal is the official emblem of the Postal Rate Commission and its use is therefore permitted only as provided in this part.

(2) The seal shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary and is to be used to authenticate records of the Postal Rate Commission and for other official purposes.

(3) Use by any person or organization outside of the Commission may be made only with the Commission's prior written approval. Such request must be made in writing to the Secretary.

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APPENDIX A TO PART 3002

(The following policy statement regarding the Office of the Consumer Advocate (formerly Office of the Officer of the Commission) was adopted by the Commission and published at 47 FR 25523, June 14, 1982.)

1. The officer of the Commission appointed under 39 U.S.C. 3624(a) shall be appointed from the Office of the Consumer Advocate and shall assist, using the means and procedures available to parties before the Commission, to develop a complete and accurate record by:

(a) Identifying information or data that are needed in addition to those presented by other parties;

(b) Identifying inaccuracies or fallacies in submitted data or information; and

(c) Sponsoring relevant and material evidence which presents needed data or information, which critiques record evidence, or which supports proposals of the officer or other participants not inconsistent with Commission precedents and judicial decisions reviewing Commission precedents. The preceding shall not preclude the officer from offering testimony on a methodology which the Commission has previously considered